



Alaska Interagency
Coordination Center



Morning Highlights

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DOF/AFS Public Affairs: (907) 356-5511

Wildland Fire Smoke Update

The Bonnifield #1 Fire was 40% active yesterday, smoldering on the perimeter. Single and group tree torching was observed on the north side. Most of the heat is interior of the fire burning green pockets of fuel. It was started by lightning on July 9, 2011, and is located in the flats south of the Tanana River (between Clear Creek and Willow Creek, roughly 15 miles south of town).

The recent rain had reduced the fire activity but did not extinguish it. The fire is still producing smoke in the Fairbanks area. The AFS continues to monitor the status and progression of the fire using aerial resources. Alaska Fire Service is working with the U.S. Army Alaska and the Bureau of Land Management, monitoring the fire by mapping it from the air and documenting fire behavior observations, and if required, implementing strategies to mitigate smoke impacts when weather conditions allow. This means taking advantage of opportunities when wind and weather conditions are best suited to conduct aerial firing operations along natural barriers to help direct the fire's growth. Natural barriers continue to limit the Bonnifield #1 Fire's growth and progression.

For fire information, please call 907-356-5511. Individuals with health concerns should consult personal medical providers. General information about wildland fire smoke is available at:

- AK Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) – Smoke:
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- DEC Air Quality Advisories/Alerts:
<https://myalaska.state.ak.us/dec/air/airtoolsweb/AirOnlineServices.aspx>
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Smoke Visibility/Air Quality:
<http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality> and
<http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/Docs/ParticulateLevels.pdf>

Statewide Fire Information

Two new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) on Monday. The first fire is in the Upper Yukon Zone, twenty-five miles northeast of Fairbanks. It was reported at ¼ acre, burning in tundra. Two smokejumpers staffed the fire with no control problems. The second fire was reported in the Tongass National Forest at 0.1 acres and is 100% contained.

According to AICC, so far this year 472 fires have burned 290,589 acres statewide. For more information about the current fire situation, visit:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

Alaska Wildland Fire-Related Social Media Accounts

www.twitter.com

Alaska Division of Forestry account: [AK_Forestry](#)

National Park Service account: [AlaskaNPS](#)

www.facebook.com

Alaska Division of Forestry account: [Alaska DNR- Division of Forestry \(DOF\)](#)

National Park Service account: [AlaskaNPS](#)

www.youtube.com

Alaska Division of Forestry account: [AlaskaDNRDOF](#)

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Alaska Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
 - National Fire Situation Report: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
 - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group - Education and Reference Materials:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Protect your home and property!: <http://firewise.org/> and
- <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info):
(907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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